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On April 22, 2014, the Governor approved Senate Bill 1158 relating to fireworks. This Bill pre-empts the Town's Ordinance prohibiting the use of "consumer fireworks." Consumer fireworks are defined, by the Bill, as ground and handheld sparkling devices, cylindrical fountains, cone fountains, illuminating torches, wheels, ground spinners, flitter sparklers, toy smoke devices, wire sparklers or dipped sticks, multiple tube ground and handheld sparkling devices. The use of any fireworks not defined as "consumer fireworks" is still prohibited. This also includes anything designed or intended to rise into the air and explode or detonate in the air or to fly above the ground, including firework items known as firecrackers, bottle rockets, missile-type rockets, helicopters, aerial spinners, torpedoes, roman candles, mine devices, shell devices, and aerial shell kits or reloadable tubes. The use of fireworks on Town-owned property, which includes the washes, is prohibited without a permit.

Senate Bill 1158 allows the sale of consumer fireworks from May 20 through July 6 and December 10 through January 3 of each year. The Bill only allows the use of consumer fireworks yearly from June 24 through July 6 and December 24 through January 3.

We are currently experiencing extreme fire dangers in and around our area. A fire ban is in effect for the County Parks. Utmost caution and common sense should be exercised when using any type of open flame or spark generating items in an area that may be susceptible to fire.

Dave Ott, Assistant Chief